

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_\_\_  
no ☒

Property Name: Elmer C. Ray House Inventory Number: CT-379  
Address: 135 Ponds Wood Road City: Huntingtown Zip Code: 20639  
County: Calvert USGS Topographic Map: North Beach  
Owner: Elmer C & Eloise Ray Is the property being evaluated a district? yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 93 Tax Map Number: 15 Tax Account ID Number: 02-017903  
Project: MD 2/4 at Ponds Wood Road Agency: State Highway Administration  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Elmer C. Ray House is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Constructed circa 1900-1910, the two story cross gable house features a standing seam metal roof, interior ridge line chimney, vinyl siding, and several additions. The front façade consists of a gable vent window, three 2/2 double hung sash windows, and an enclosed front porch (the front door and windows were not visible through the porch). There is a large rear ell addition and shed additions on each side of the rear ell. There are several small outbuilding associated with the property, and one identified tobacco barn "in an advanced state of deterioration" as stated in the 2003 Revised MIHP form for this property.

At the turn of the century, Calvert County was the third largest tobacco producing county in Maryland. There was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and farmhouses during this period. The Elmer C. Ray house is typical of dwellings built during this time period.

The Elmer C. Ray House is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. Calvert County has a rich agricultural history. Based on the revised MIHP inventory form, it was noted that this property was once part of a larger tobacco farm. However, due to the lack of associated fields and the current dilapidated condition of the one

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None  
MHT Comments

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Reviewer, NR Program

10/6/03

Date

10/14/03

Date

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remaining tobacco barn, the Elmer C Ray House is not exemplary of the tobacco/agricultural era of Calvert County's history. There are other, more intact, examples of late 19th, early 20th century tobacco farmsteads in Calvert County, as well as other nearby Counties. Research did not indicate that it was associated with other broad patterns of history.

The Elmer C. Ray House is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B as research did not indicate it is associated with persons of historical significance.

The Elmer C. Ray House is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architecture. While the Elmer C. Ray House clearly states the evolution of this once simple farm house, it not considered a good example of the cross gable house type. Moreover, it has lost integrity of original building materials with the vinyl siding, modified front porch, and enclosed window openings (south façade). There are many other examples of cross gable houses in Calvert County that retain original building materials.

The Elmer C. Ray House is not being evaluated for its National Register eligibility under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Becky KermesDate Prepared: 8/15/2003**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

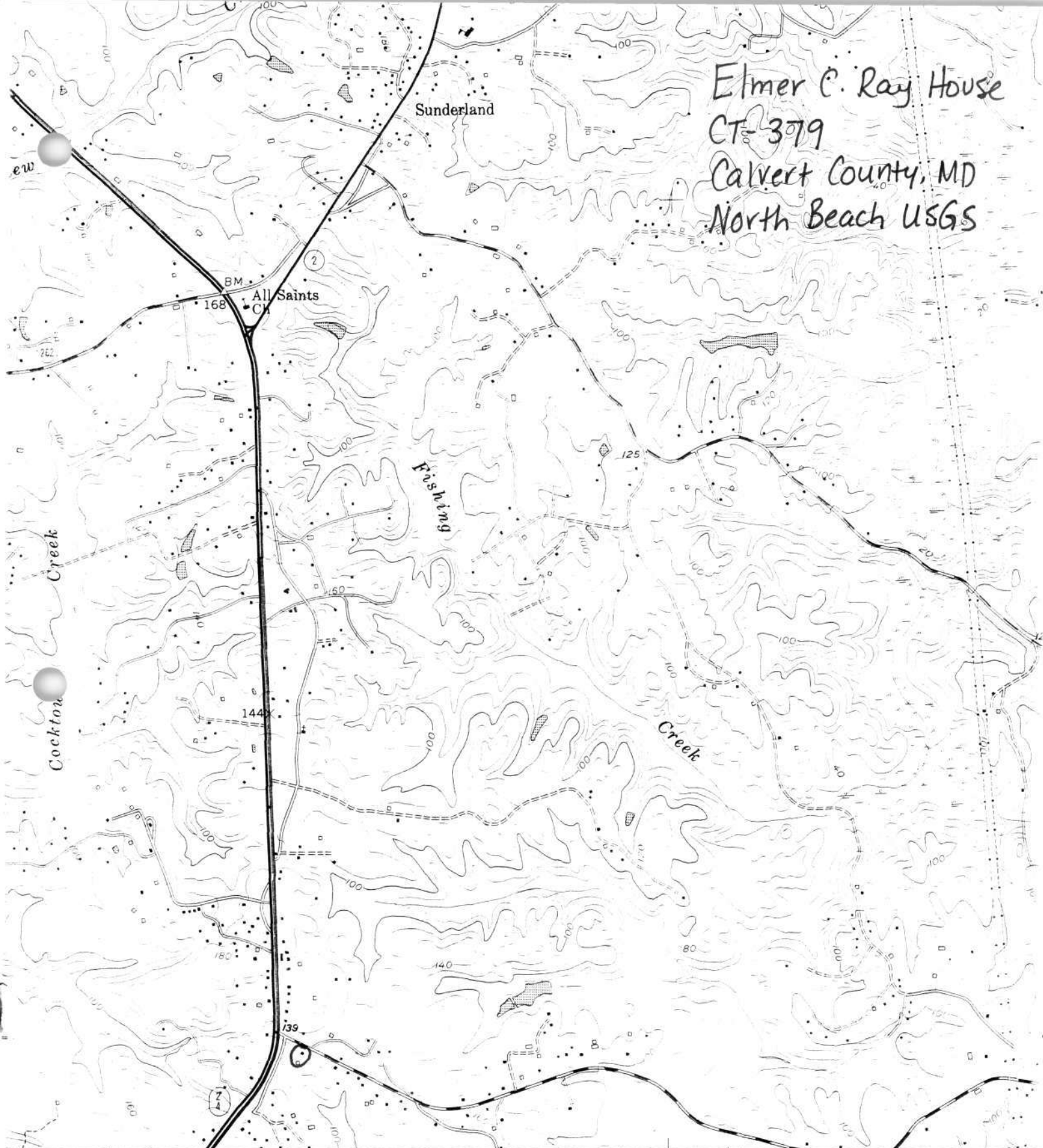
Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:    A    B    C    D Considerations:    A    B    C    D    E    F    G    None

MHT Comments

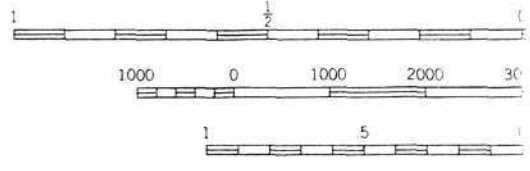
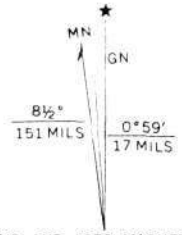
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, NR Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Elmer C. Ray House  
 CT-379  
 Calvert County, MD  
 North Beach USGS



910 000 FEET  
 HUNTINGTON 0.6 MI.  
 PRINCE FREDERICK 6.4 MI.

dated, and published by the Geological Survey  
 USGS and USC&GS  
 drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs  
 Topography enlarged from 1:62,500 scale map of  
 15-minute series. Original map  
 surveys 1934-1935. Revised 1953  
 from USC&GS chart 551, dated 1954  
 projection, 1927 North American datum  
 grid based on Maryland coordinate system



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 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN



CT-37A

Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the north facade - standing from  
the driveway off of Ponds Mill Road.

1 of 8

Technical <No. 2497>025 BHD  
324825 N N N-1 01 AC+01 AS+03 SH000 6008 2x679/100



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Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographs

July 2003

Negatives @ MDSHPO

Oblique of the rear (east) and ~~west~~ side  
(north) facades.

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TechLab <NID-1B61>019.BND  
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Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Front (west) and north side of the house.

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TechLab <NO. 1961>020 BND  
3248 25 N N N-3 53 AC+01 AS+03 SA009 16R08 2079/100



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Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPD

Oblique of front (west) and side (south)  
facades.

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TechLab <NO-21A>022 BND  
324825 N N N41-43 PC+01 RS+03 SH025 UFW03 20079/100



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Elmer Property  
Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD S+PO

Photo is Oblique of the Southwest ~~facade~~  
corner. Note all window openings  
on the south facade of the main  
house have been enclosed.

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CT-379

Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Photo is of front facade - the low facade  
faces west onto MD 214

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TechLab <NO. 2011> 021 BNO  
324825 N N N N N-36 AC+01 R3+03 SA005 GPOG 2079/100





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Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Outbuildings are located to the southeastern edge of the yard.

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TechLab <NO-2379>024 BHO  
3248 25 N N N N N-35 AC+01 AS+03 SA005 6R08 2079/100



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Elmer Property

Calvert County, MD

B. Kermes, Photographer

July 2003

Negatives @ MD SHPD

View of MD 2/4 and Ponds Mill Road  
Intersection taken from the Elmer  
House driveway - so looking west to  
MD 2/4.

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Techlab <NO-1771>018 BND  
3248 25 H H N N-28 AC+01 AS+03 SHPD 0808 2003/100

Elmer C. Ray House  
CT-379  
135 Ponds Wood Road  
Rosemary Faya Prola  
July 27, 2007

#### ADDENDUM

##### Section 7. Description

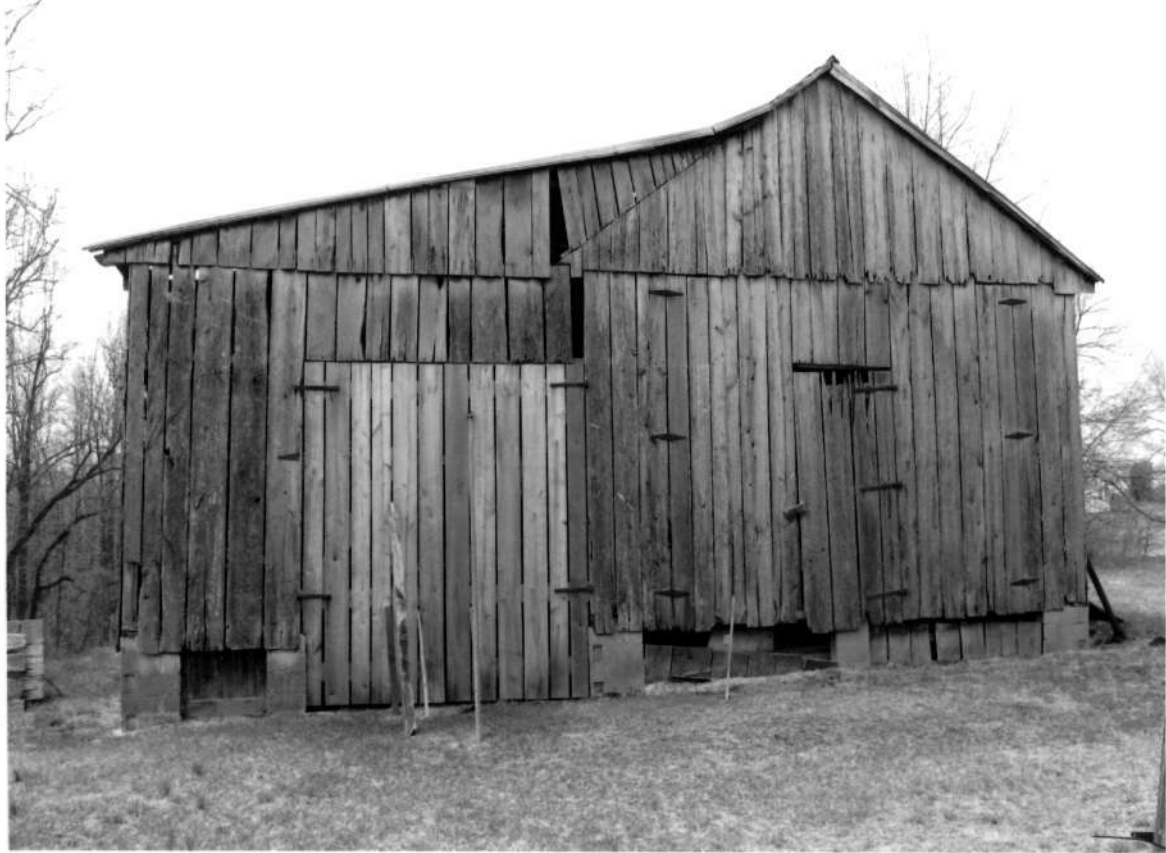
An interview with Eloise Ray, widow of Elmer C. Ray, identified the agricultural outbuildings located on the farmstead. The building northeast of the tobacco barn is a corn house, not a barn, according to Mrs. Ray. In addition, the nearest shed, located due north of the tobacco barn, is a chicken house.

Photos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

##### Section 8. Significance

The Elmer C. Ray property was determined not eligible for National Register status by reviewers in 2003. The lack of associated fields and the dilapidated condition of the tobacco barn were given as reasons why the property was "not exemplary of the tobacco/agricultural era of Calvert County's history." Further, the DOE form stated that research did not indicate that it was associated with other broad patterns of history. (Determination of Eligibility Form, CT-379, 14 October 2003, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD)

A survey undertaken in 2007 linked the property with a historical development which helped reshape Calvert County society: the transition from tenancy to landownership among African Americans in the Ponds Wood Road community during the period 1889 to 1957. The Elmer C. Ray property was identified as a contributing resource in the survey. Elmer C. Ray and his wife, Eloise, were tenant farmers before moving to Ponds Wood Road and purchasing the property at 135 Ponds Wood Road in 1944. The Ponds Wood Road Community is documented as CT-1314 on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.



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ELMER C. RAY HOUSE

HUNTINGTOWN, CALVERT CO

ROSEMARY PROLA

31 MARCH 2007

TOBACCO BARN, NORTH EL

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CT-379 ELMER C RAY HOUSE  
TOBACCO BARN, SOUTH ELEVATION  
HUNTINGTOWN, CALVERT CO

ROSEMARY PROLA

31 MARCH 07

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ELMER C RAY HOUSE  
HUNTINGTOWN, CALVERT CO

ROSEMARY PROLA

31 MARCH 2007

TOBACCO BARN, EAST EL

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ELMER C RAY HOUSE  
HUNTINGTOWN, CALVERT CO.

ROSEMARY PROLA

31 MARCH 2007

VIEW OF CORNHOUSE & TOBACCO  
BARN FROM S.W.

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ELMER C. RAY HOUSE

HUNTINGTOWN, CALVERT CO.

ROSEMARY PROLA

31 MARCH 2007

VIEW SOUTH FROM HOUSE TOWARD  
TOBACCO BARN

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## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-379**

**Elmer C. Ray House**

**135 Ponds Wood Road**

**Huntingtown, Calvert County**

**Circa 1900**

**Private**

In 1900 there were over 1,000 farms in Calvert County primarily engaged in tobacco cultivation, with an average size of approximately 125 acres. The house at 135 Ponds Wood Road, dating to circa 1900, was originally constructed as the primary residence for one such tobacco farm. Like other rural dwellings constructed in Calvert County during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the house adopts the local vernacular in its two-story cross-gable form with a rear ell and simplified late-Victorian-era elements such as the triangular-arch window. Although the property has been significantly reduced in size, the historic house and associated tobacco barn, agricultural buildings, and immediately adjacent lands are representative of the agricultural lifestyle of Calvert County residents during the early 20th century.

Located in a rural agricultural setting, the historic dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height, clad in aluminum siding, and has a cross-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. The foundation of the house consists of brick piers, with concrete-block infill. The façade is defined by a one-story, half-hip-roof, full-width front porch which has been enclosed, and the central gable with a triangular-arch four-light window in the tympanum. The enclosed front porch features aluminum jalousie windows. Windows are 2/2 wood-sash with aluminum surrounds. One-story shed-roof porches have been enclosed on the northeast and southwest elevations. Other notable features include an aluminum box cornice, two interior square brick chimneys with corbeled caps, and a concrete-block stove chimney on the southwest enclosed porch elevation. When constructed, the house was the primary residence for the surrounding tobacco farm, and a medium-sized tobacco barn, circa 1930, still exists on the property as well as several other agricultural outbuildings.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Elmer C. Ray House

other

## 2. Location

street and number	135 Ponds Wood Road	not for publication
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city, town	Huntingtown	vicinity
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county Calvert

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Elmer C. Ray and Eloise Ray
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street and number	135 Ponds Wood Road	telephone	Unknown
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city, town	Huntingtown	state	MD	zip code	20639
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15:93

city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	AWR3	folio	189
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

## 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
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			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
					<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
					1	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located in a rural agricultural setting in Calvert County, Maryland, the circa 1900 dwelling at 135 Ponds Wood Road is a two-and-a-half-story wood-frame building with a two-story ell clad in aluminum siding, a cross-gable roof and a solid foundation. The house has enclosed one-story porches on the front, or northwest, elevation, the southeast elevation, and the northeast elevation. When constructed, the house was the primary residence for the surrounding tobacco farm, and a medium-sized tobacco barn, circa 1930, still exists on the property as well as several other agricultural outbuildings.

**SETTING.** The historic house is located at the southeast corner of North Solomons Island Road (Route 2) and Ponds Wood Road, in the small community of Huntingtown. The house faces North Solomons Island Road and sits a short distance back from it on a high steep knoll. Ponds Wood Road runs along the northeast side of the house, which is accessed by a semicircular gravel driveway. The driveway curves around the southeast and southwest sides of the house. The 5.33-acre parcel on which the house sits is primarily open land bordered by North Solomons Island Road to the west, Ponds Wood Road to the north, and wooded land to the east and south. Directly across Ponds Wood Road is a heavily wooded area. Mature trees line the semi-circular drive and are scattered around the house and outbuildings. Smaller plantings are located along the house foundation.

**PRIMARY RESOURCE.** The wood-frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height, clad in aluminum siding, and has a cross-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. The foundation of the house consists of brick piers, with concrete-block infill. Some areas of the foundation have been covered with pressed-metal sheets simulating rock-face concrete-block. The façade is defined by a one-story, half-hip-roof, full-width front porch which has been enclosed, and the central gable with a triangular-arch four-light window in the tympanum. The enclosed front porch features aluminum jalousie windows. Windows are 2/2 wood-sash with aluminum surrounds. One-story shed-roof porches have been enclosed on the northeast and southwest elevations. Other notable features include an aluminum box cornice, two interior, square, brick chimneys with corbeled caps, and a concrete-block stove chimney on the southwest enclosed porch elevation.

**SECONDARY RESOURCES.** Southwest of the house are located four agricultural buildings, dating to circa 1930, in an advanced state of deterioration. Furthest from the house is a medium-sized wood-frame tobacco barn that rests on a concrete-block pier foundation, is clad in vertical flush wood boards, and has a gable-roof sheathed in corrugated metal. The barn features air-doors for curing with metal hinges characteristic of tobacco barns during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. There is a one-story shed extension to the southeast elevation, and a partially raised basement in the south corner with windows. East of the tobacco barn is a smaller one-story wood-frame barn clad in vertical flush wood boards. The barn rests on a concrete-block pier foundation and has a gable-roof sheathed in corrugated metal. There is a shed-roof extension on the southwest elevation. Northeast of the tobacco barn is a one-story wood-frame shed clad in vertical flush wood boards with a shed roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheaths. This shed has several hinged doors. Directly northeast of this shed is another, much smaller one-story wood-frame shed that is clad in plywood boards and has a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal.

Also present on the site, located directly southwest of the house is a well, circa 1940. It has a square concrete surround and a metal spigot.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1900

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1900

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The historic dwelling and the associated agricultural buildings at 135 Ponds Wood Road are representative of the agricultural lifestyle of Calvert County residents during the early 20th century.

Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. At the time of the 1890 federal census, Calvert County was the smallest county in the state of Maryland both in land area and population, but fifth in annual tobacco production behind a number of significantly larger, wealthier and more populous counties. Just ten years later in 1900, Calvert County had more than doubled its tobacco production and had risen to the third largest tobacco producing county in the state behind nearby Charles and Prince George's Counties.

Accordingly, there was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and associated domestic farmhouses during this period. Dwellings built during this period were largely two-story, wood-frame buildings three or five bays in width, with a center hall or side hall plan. Most had a side-gable roof or a cross-gable roof with a central front gable, a one-story full-width or wrap-around front porch with turned posts, and a two-story rear ell. Stylistically, they featured such late Victorian era or Queen Anne stylistic elements as lancet or round-arched windows, fishscale shingles in the gable ends, and sawn brackets. These elements are particularly common in houses built during the late 19th century. By the first decade of the 20th century, houses exhibit less of these flamboyant decorative elements and favor a more simplified architectural expression. Interiors were heated by wood-burning stoves vented through narrow, square, brick chimneys.

During this period there were over 1,000 farms in Calvert County primarily engaged in tobacco cultivation, with an average size of approximately 125 acres. The house at 135 Ponds Wood Road, dating to circa 1900, was originally constructed as the primary residence for one such tobacco farm. Like other rural dwellings constructed in Calvert County during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the house adopts the local vernacular in its two-story cross-gable form with a rear ell and simplified late-Victorian-era elements such as the triangular-arch window. Although the property has been significantly reduced in size, the historic house and associated tobacco barn, agricultural buildings, and immediately adjacent lands are representative of an early-20th-century Calvert County farmstead.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 5.33 acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located 135 Ponds Wood Road in Huntingtown, Calvert County, Maryland. It has historically been associated with Tax Map 15, Parcel 93 since its construction at the turn of the 20th century. The current deed to the property is found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book AWR 3, Folio 189.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 1/24/03

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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United States Federal Agricultural Census, 1890, 1900.

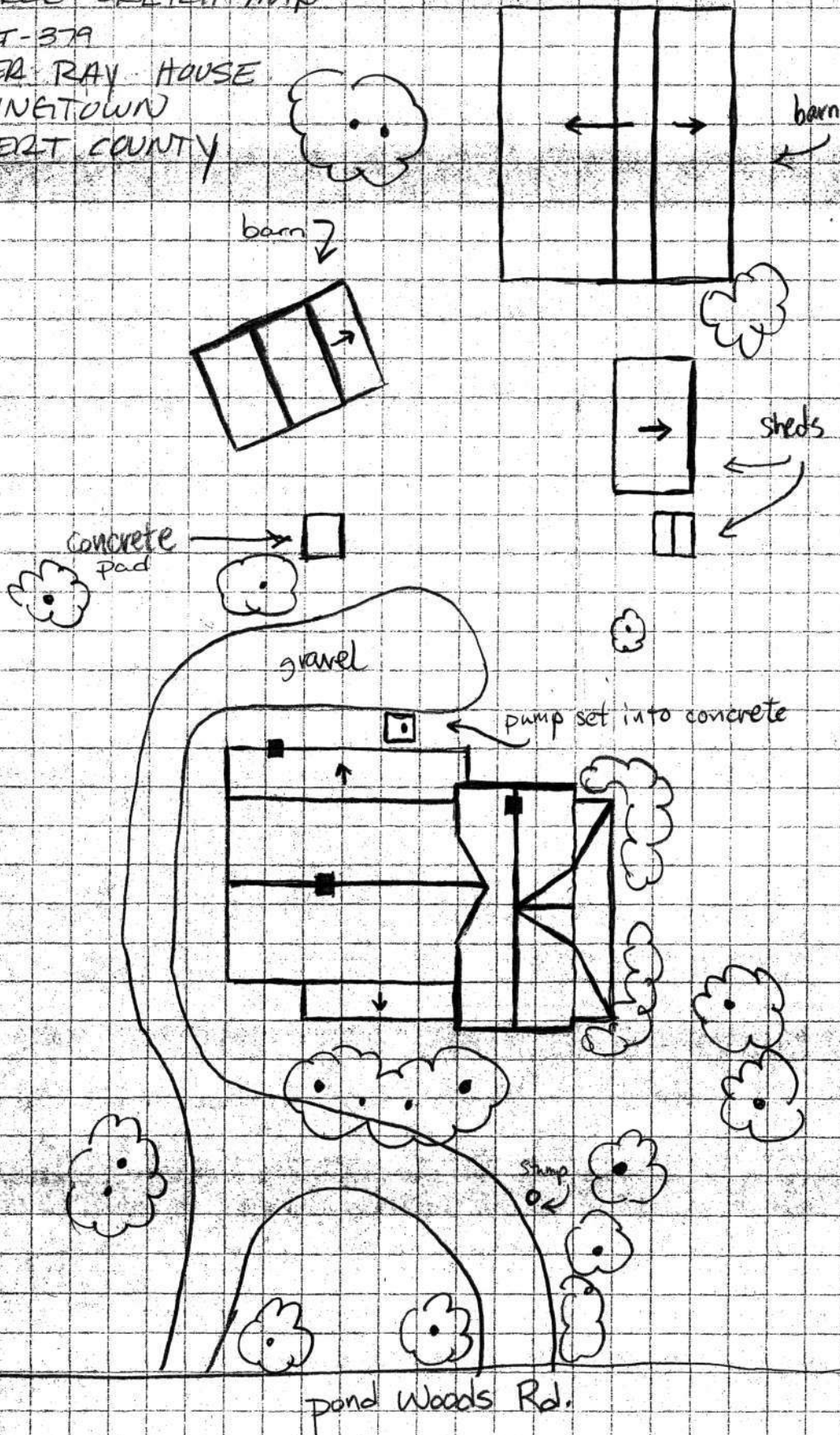
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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ELMER RAY HOUSE  
HUNTINGTOWN  
CALVERT COUNTY

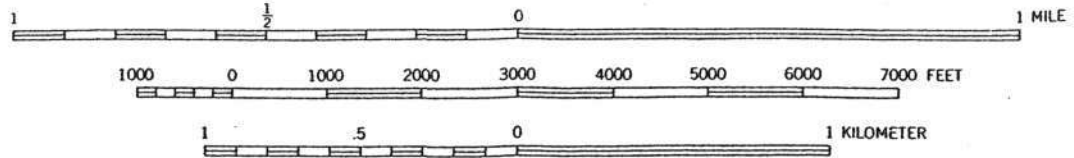


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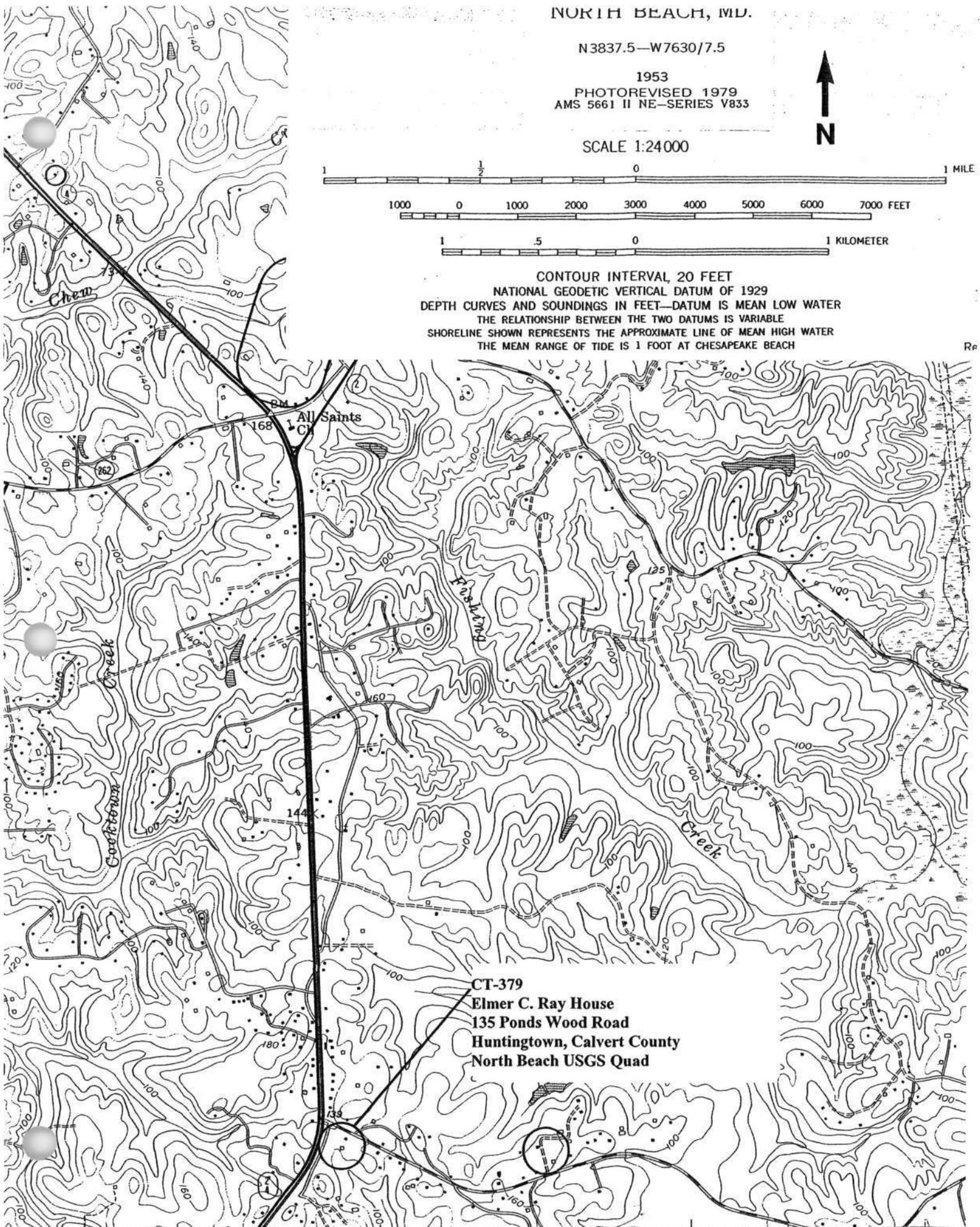
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AMS 5661 II NE—SERIES V833

SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1 FOOT AT CHESAPEAKE BEACH



30" 910 000 FEET HUNTINGTOWN 0.6 MI. PRINCE FREDERICK 6.4 MI. 361 362 35' 363



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ELMER RAY HOUSE  
135 PONDS WOOD ROAD  
CALVERT COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES

1/2003  
MD SHPO

HOUSE, WEST CORNER

1 OF 4





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ELMER RAY HOUSE

135 PONDS WOOD ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTH CORNER

2 OF 4



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ELMER RAY HOUSE

135 PONDS WOOD ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MDSHPO

House, EAST CORNER

3 OF 4





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ELMER RAY HOUSE

135 PONDS WOOD ROAD

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS, VIEW LOOKING WEST

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C. 1900 century

Elmer C. Ray House  
Huntingtown  
Private

This two-story frame house measures three-bays wide by one-bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen. 2/2 sash windows light the dwelling. The structure is covered with narrow g age wooden siding.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Elmer C. Ray House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Ponds Wood Road

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert County

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Elmer C. Ray

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ponds Wood Road

CITY, TOWN

Huntingtown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20639

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street (MD Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story frame house measures three bays wide by one bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen. 2/2 sash windows light the dwelling.

The structure is covered with narrow gauge wooden siding. A hipped roof porch which has been partially enclosed extends across the front elevation, obscuring a view of the main entrance. A similar porch extends along part of the north side. In the gables of the main section of the house are small gothic windows with pointed tops. A brick chimney is located inside the south gable end and a second is located in the ell.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical Calvert County farmhouse. Similar frame houses were built from c. 1875-1925. It is of no known historical significance.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg,

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438









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Merry Stinson 4/81  
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